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Russell Gardens

NINE SOLID ACRES HEMEROCALLIS

Spring, Texas

September 3, 1943

Reference Librarian
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

As you may know, we are growing nine solid acres of daylilies consisting of over a quarter million plants. It was my intention to issue a most comprehensive catalogue this fall. illustrated with colored kodachrome cuts; but due to conditions brought about by the war we are compelled to put this off for a while, and instead, issue these mimeographed sheets, but we are giving you the benefit of a radical reduction in price in the form of a summer clearance sale. I am placing this offer in several groups and you will do well to go thru these lists thoroughly. Should you care to avail yourself of these quality plants at these unheard of low prices, you will please place your order with us before October 15th, as under no condition can these prices be effective after that date. Then too, ordering early avoids the disappointment by some varieties already being sold out for the season. If you are not ready to plant now and wish to avail yourself of these prices, you may place your order now for delivery any time up to May 1, 1944.

We anticipate your order with pride and assure you that every order will receive our careful and immediate attention. Every plant will come to you well packed, properly labeled and strictly true to name. Under no circumstances do we ever substitute without your authorization.

Respectfully yours,



H. M. Russell

Plant Hemerocallis Daylilies once and have them always

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Washington, D. C.

As you may know, the Department of Agriculture is
at present engaged in a campaign to
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GROUP I GENERAL STANDARD VARIETIES

We are listing here varieties that have proven of unusual merit and worthy of being listed. We have discarded many varieties which were of no special significance, in favor of those of greater garden value. We find almost all of them just as easy to grow and therefore grow only the best. This offer is good until October 15th only, due to the very low price we ask now. Remember, we pay transportation charges on all items amounting to three dollars or more; otherwise please add twenty-five cents for packing and postage. Every plant we send out is first class stock, large enough to bloom profusely the first season. What better time is there to plant than during the months of September and October? You may have this entire collection of thirteen varieties for \$3.50 or any separate varieties at the prices listed below.

- BAGDAD (Stout) Rich brown and red tone. 4 ft. May-June----- 35¢
- BELLS OF SAN ANTONE (Russell 1941) A chrome self, reverse of sepals green. A perfect bell shape and keeps well under our sun. Fast grower. 3 ft. May-June ----- 35¢
- CHROME ORANGE (Mead) Similar to Florham, but the flowers are deeper orange. Segments more narrow than Florham and a graceful beauty. 3 ft. May-June ----- 25¢
- CISSY GUISEPPI (Perry) Deep rose-red with yellow throat. Back of petals red and green. 2½ ft. June-July ----- 25¢
- DUMORTIERII (Species) Deep rich cadmium yellow. 2 ft. Mar.-Apr. 25¢
- GEM (Betscher) Flowers of light cadmium yellow. Robust with a 4 inch spread. 3 ft. June-July ----- 25¢
- GEORGE YELD (Perry) Flowers 6 inches across. One of the best English hybrids. Petals shaded rich rose. Sepals orange. 3½ ft. June-July ----- 25¢
- J. R. MANN (Betscher) Large trumpet-shaped flowers of deep yellow. A real beauty. 3½ ft. May-June ----- 25¢
- LINDA (Stout) Ruffled golden-yellow petals, flecked with cinnamon being a contrast to the bright yellow sepals. A rose zone, yellow throat. A "must-have". 3 ft. May-June ----- 35¢
- MIKADO (Stout) Flowers of mellow orange, dark red-purple eye-zone in each petal. About the most profuse bloomer in our field. 3 ft. May-June ----- 25¢
- OPHIR (Farr) A large golden-yellow flower. Profuse bloomer; one of the best yellows in our fields. 4 ft. May-June ----- 25¢
- SERENADE (Stout) Crinkled petals in pastel shades giving an effect of pale coral-pink. Very fine. 3 ft. May-June----- 35¢
- SIR MICHAEL FOSTER. Large yellow trumpet-shaped flowers. Tall and imposing. 4 ft. May-June ----- 25¢

GROUP II

In this group I have arranged eight daylilies consisting of the finest varieties that were ever produced in decidedly different colors. There will be in this group one golden yellow, one Chinese red, one real rose pink, two purples, one glowing velvety chrome and two mahogany reds, arranged to give you the longest blooming season and certainly the widest color range, offered at a popular price. This offer, good only through October 15th, is made now so we might place more of our stock in the several sections of the country so you might actually see what we are growing. You may have this entire group (eight master varieties) for \$17.50, or any separate varieties you wish at the prices given below.

ANNIS VICTORIA RUSSELL (Russell 1942) One of the most beautiful daylilies in my entire field. Blooms 7 to 9 inches across. As many as 30 buds to a stem. Dark green, crinkled evergreen foliage. Exact canary yellow. Opens wide and keeps perfect in evenings. See our 1943 catalogue for description. Called "the finest daylily to date". 4 ft. Apr.-June---\$2.00

DEMON (Russell 1943) Defies our hottest sun. A real Chinese red with a velvety sheen seldom seen in any daylily. Twice blooming. Yellow throat. Wide open, 4 inches. 2 ft. Apr.-June-3.00

FULVA ROSEA (Species) The most beautiful of any known wild species of Hemerocallis. The flowers are rose-pink, with a graceful stalk. 3½ ft. June-July-----\$2.50

PURPLE FLASH (Russell 1942) Petals solid purple; sepals yellow, overcast purple and has a deeper eye zone. Has a shape unlike any I have ever seen in that the not-so-wide petals are about three-fourths open and have a decidedly pinched effect at the ends. Sepals somewhat twisted. Admired by every visitor to our fields. Defies hottest sun. 3 ft. Apr.-June--\$4.00

PURPLE WATERS (Russell 1942) My favorite of all the purples. The flower opens full, slightly reflexed. Petals and sepals are deep rich purple; petals somewhat ruffled. Perfect in the evening. Yellow throat. 3 ft. April-June ----- \$4.00

QUEEN OF GONZALES (Russell 1942) A solid self; flower about the color of an orange. Wide, overlapping petals open full and are reflexed. An almost constant bloomer and one of the earliest of the large flowering kinds. Perfect in hot sun. Does not close at night. 3 ft. April, midsummer ----- \$2.00

VULCAN (Stout) Deep red with orange throat. Medium size. 3 ft. May-June ----- \$2.00

WARPATH (Russell 1942) Formerly called "Forest Fires". Petals and sepals even dark mahogany red, wide, open full, reflexed. Throat yellow. Satin sheen. Defies our hottest sun. 3 ft. April-May and again in midsummer----- \$4.00

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL WE SEND MORE THAN ONE COLLECTION OR MORE THAN ONE PLANT OF ANY SINGLE VARIETY IN THIS GROUP TO ANY ONE CLIENT AT THESE PRICES.

GROUP III

This group we consider the answer to the daylily grower's prayer, giving you a riot of color over a long season and at a very modest cost. You may have any 12 of these for \$7.00, or the entire collection of twenty for \$10.00, or any number at the prices listed below. This offer is good only until October 15th, due to the exceptionally low price.

- ACRES OF GOLD (Russell 1943) This is about the most fool-proof, reliable of all the yellows. It is a solid, true canary-gold, my favorite of all the yellows. The petals are slightly ruffled. Bloom $4\frac{1}{2}$ inches. 3 ft. June-July ----- \$2.00
- BOUTONNIERE (Stout) Orange background, overcast red, with re-curving petals of rosy peach. 3 ft. July 35¢
- BUCCANEER (Russell 1943) One of the earliest bloomers of the deeper colors. A deep reddish-brown with yellow throat. Very wide petals. 4 inch bloom. April-May, again July ---- \$2.00
- CALYPSO (Burbank) A lemon-yellow in large flowers. Blooms in the evening. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May-June ----- 25¢
- DAUNTLESS (Stout) Cadmium yellow, having a green throat with fulvous touch in center of petal. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May-June -50¢
- EVANGELINE (Russell 1943) Petals rosy-red, almost a wine color, with a deep purple eye. Sepals are just a bit lighter in color and decidedly twisted. The throat is absolutely green. Looks quite a bit like an orchid in color and shape and unlike any I have seen. Blooms 6 inches. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May-June - \$2.00
- GOLDEN BELL (Ruys) Large, fragrant flowers of golden yellow. Re-curving petals. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May-June ----- 35¢
- GOLDEN SHADOWS (Russell 1938) Color and shape of Mrs. W. H. Wyman with distinct brown shadow. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May-June -75¢
- HARVEY RUSSELL (Russell 1938) Canary yellow. Blooms later than most yellows. One of the finest. $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. June-July ----- 50¢
- HYPERIAN (Mead) Pale lemon-yellow, huge flowers. A "must-have". $3\frac{1}{2}$ ft. June-July ----- 35¢
- J. T. RUSSELL (Russell 1938) Blooms are 6 inches across. Petals of lemon yellow with deep cinnamon red mark. Sepals are clear lemon. One of the best of all the two-tone day-lilies we have ever grown. 3 ft. May-June ----- 75¢
- MRS. CHAS. F. URSCHER (Russell 1943) This is really a two-tone lemon by the fact that its almost solid self has a faint trace of gold. Bloom about 4 inches. Petals very wide with a tendency to twist. Substance excellent. This is tops in its color range and best for cut flowers. No yellow compares with it. $2\frac{1}{2}$ ft. May-June \$1.00

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GROUP III (Continued)

OLD VINTAGE (Russell 1942) This is a tall wine-purple with a small yellow throat. Blooms are not so large but many of them keep a profusion of color. Keeps well on the hottest days. Admired by every visitor to our gardens. 4 ft. April-May----- \$2.00

PATRICIA (Stout) A clear tone of pale yellow with green throat. Considered by many to be the finest popular priced yellow. 3 ft. May-June ----- 60¢

RADIANT (Yeld) A pure orange flower. 3½ ft. June-July-- 25¢

ROYAL Compact, yellow flowers with excellent substance. A good garden subject. 2½ ft. May-June ----- 35¢

SPITFIRE (Russell 1942) This Hemerocallis seems never to quit blooming here. One set of bloom stems appears as fast as the old set has bloomed out. The petals and sepals are of a fiery red with a yellow midrib. The throat is yellow. The blooms are small but the plant blazes with a profusion of blooms almost all of spring and mid-summer. Fully open, wide petals. Keeps well. 2½ ft. April-May-June ----- \$2.00

SUPREME (Russell 1943) Large 7 inch bloom with twisted petals. A more graceful flower, in my opinion, never existed. Pale lemon. May-June, again in July. 3 ft. ----- \$1.00

TOMESHA (Russell 1943) This brownish-red daylily is one of the showiest semi-dwarfs. Petals and sepals are an even color with a yellow midrib and a deep red eye zone. Blooms are 4½ inches. 2½ ft. May ----- \$2.00

WISP (Russell 1943) The palest lemon. This is a beautiful greenish lemon, the first real chartreuse I have ever seen in a daylily and positively a most profuse bloomer. Blooms 4 inches across, fully open, medium width petals. 3 ft. April-May ----- \$1.00

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In these days of scarce labor it is surely wise to plant hardy perennials that require no nursing and codling. Day-lilies, you know, are actually fool-proof. They know no disease or insect pests. They will grow and do well in full sun or half shade; in wet or dry, acid or lime soil. Of course, they respond beautifully to careful cultivation and repay you many times for that trouble, but they keep right on blooming when neglected.